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# Sundial Garden's Time Has Come at Observatory Park

Throughout history, the study of the universe and celestial objects has provided a means of determining one's time and place on Earth. Now, as one of the first components of a planned astronomy-themed park in Great Falls, VA, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Analemma Society will dedicate a new sundial in Observatory Park at The Turner Farm on Friday, September 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the unveiling of this unique gift.

The sundial was designed, built and donated by award-winning British craftsman, Tony Moss, to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the settlement at Jamestown, Virginia. It will be the first of a planned collection of sundials from around the world to be displayed in the International Sundial Garden. Together, the sundials will provide an opportunity to illustrate cultural differences in how time has been perceived throughout human history.

The dedication ceremony coincides with the North American Sundial Society's (NASS) 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which is being held in McLean and is the signature event during their bus tour of local sundials. Representatives from McLean & Great Falls Celebrate Virginia 1607-2007, donors of the pedestal base for the sundial, will also be in attendance.

Observatory Park at The Turner Farm is located at 925 Springvale Road in Great Falls, VA. For more information, contact the Fairfax County Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8701.

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